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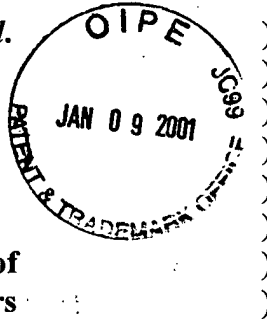
In re Application of: **Lyons et al.**

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For: **Diagnosis & Treatment of
Neuroectodermal Tumors**

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

In response to the Office Action dated August 9, 2000 (Paper No. 4), the period for response to which has been extended two months through January 9, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-14 without prejudice or disclaimer of Applicants' right to file divisional applications to claim the non-elected subject matter.

Please add claims 15-31 as follows:

--15. A method of detecting in a patient, a cancer selected from the group consisting of small cell carcinoma of the lung and melanoma, comprising measuring the binding of chlorotoxin in a tissue sample from the patient wherein the level of binding is indicative of the presence of the cancer.

16. The method of claim 15 wherein a high level of binding when compared to normal tissue indicates the presence of cancer.

17. The method of claim 15 wherein the chlorotoxin is labeled.

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